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Dear Joshua:

The Program Committee of the 1955 International Symposium for the Henry Ford Hospital has asked me to send a note to each person who has been invited to speak on the first day. I presume that by now you have received their official invitation, and I hope very much that you will be able to accept. I have not had much to do with organizing this program, and when I first heard of it I groaned at the prospects of still another meeting. However, it seems to me that they have succeeded in putting together a very impressive program; and if this meeting can succeed in bringing about some real exchange between enzymologists and those of us who might be generally classified as cell physiologists, it will be a very worthwhile accomplishment.

My chief concern about the program is that it will be so heavily packed with papers, and each speaker has so little time to cover a broad topic, that there will not be enough time for discussion. Since the discussion period is often the most valuable part of such a meeting I hope we will all be able to keep our formal presentations to the allotted time period, or even less. I should also like to mention that the Program Committee hopes that the speakers will aim at presenting their topics in broad perspective rather than limiting themselves to the new results of the past year.

I very much hope you will be able to come, and I look forward to seeing you at Detroit.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Bernie

Bernard D. Davis

I hope the fact that this is primarily a biochemical meeting won't discourage you from accepting - I'm sure you can contribute a great deal of insight on gene function to this group, & can cover in more detail what I've supposed to handle in the 1st 10 minutes.